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SUBJECT: KYODO REPORTS LOCAL POLITICIAN CLAIMS TAIWAN
- DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPON
FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS CARRIED BY FBIS OF A SEPTEMBER 6 KYODO ITEM:
QUOTE: TAIWAN IS NOW DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS JOINTLY WITH ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA TO PRVENT POSSIBLE CHINESE GUERRILLA WARFARE AND NAVAL ATTACK FROM THE TAIWAN STRAITS, ACCORDING TO AN INFLUENTIAL TAIWANESE INDEPENDENT POLITICIAN.
HIS STATEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS DENIED BY TAIWANESE OFFICIALS WHO SAID IT IS GROUNDLESS.
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KANG NING-HSIANG, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, ALSO SAID TAIWAN IS ALSO DEVELOPING A NEW KIND OF MISSILE BASED ON A CZECHOSLOVAK AND ISRAELI MODEL. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.
YOU KNOW WE HAVE A NEW MISSILE FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT I CAN'T GIVE ANY DETAILS, HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH KYODO NEWS SERVICE AT HIS HOME IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TAIPEI SATURDAY NIGHT.
QUOTE: I THINK IF THE UNITED STATES DOESN'T SUPPLY OFFENSIVE WEAPONS TO TAIWAN, WE WILL GRADUALLY SEARCH FOR NEW SUPPLY LINES, INCLUDING FRANCE, ISRAEL AND EASTERN EUROPE, HE SAID.
ASKED HOW HE KNEW TAIWAN IS DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, KANG REPLIED, I AM A MEMBER OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IN THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN; SO I KNOW SOME INFORMATION LIKE THIS. UNQUOTE
SIGNED DEAN HAIG
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